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SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I would just like to draw your attention today to the switching of the rooms for two committees. The Judiciary Committee will be meeting in 1520 and the Revenue Committee will be meeting in 1113. So I just draw that to the attention of the members of the Judiciary Committee and the Revenue Committee and on behalf of the Judiciary Committee, thank you, Revenue Committee, for the use of your nice room.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Nichol. Any introduction of new bills, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Warner moves for the introduction of Request #1457 by the Appropriations Committee.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this bill, the statement of intent as it has been passed out, but beginning some four or five years ago there have been efforts to merge the Department of Personnel and the Joint Merit System for a number of reasons so there was compatibility between the classifications of two agencies for a matter of convenience for people who were looking for positions applied at one place at one time that one agency was on one floor, the other was on a different floor but this is the final...and there was a great many things that had to be worked out with the federal agencies that have some regulations over the Joint Merit System but in any event the proposed bill would complete that merger. As I indicated it has been in the making for several years. It was not finally prepared so we can get it in the first ten days but we would like to have it introduced now so we can again hold a hearing and then complete this merger that was started several years ago which will result in some efficiencies but more importantly, it is going to be much more convenient than what we traditionally had. I move the bill's introduction.

PRESIDENT: Is there any discussion? The question is, shall the bill be introduced? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay, on the introduction of the bill as explained by Senator Warner. It does require 30 votes. Have you all voted on the introduction of the bill request by Senator Warner? Record the vote.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to introduce, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries and the bill is introduced. Are there any other bills to be introduced?